(a) whether it is a fact that in trauma centres of AIIMS, Safai Karamcharies have found giving first aid and treatment to patients;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that doctor incharge approve this role of Safai Karamcharies; and

(d) if so, who will be responsible for any mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. Giving first aid and treatment to patients by Safai Karamcharies does not arise.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Organ trade in India

865. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring in stringent measures to control organ trade in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far will this action plan deter the foreigners coming to India for organ transplantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Honorable High Court of Delhi in CWP No.813/2004 *vide* its order dated 06.09.2004 had set up a Committee to examine the provisions of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 and the Transplantation of Human Organs Rules, 1995. The report was submitted on 25.05.2005. A National Consultation was held on 18.05.2007 and the report was submitted in the second fortnight of August, 2007. The recommended changes required amendments in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 (THOA) and the Rules framed thereunder. The amended Rules have been notified *vide* Gazette Notification No.G.S.R.571(E) dated 04.08.08. These changes are intended to facilitate genuine cases and to increase transparency in transplantation procedures.

In so far as foreign nationals coming to India for organ transplantation is concerned, such cases could be deterred by routing all such requests for organ transplantation through the Authorization Committees and by prohibiting organ transplantation where the recipient is a foreign national and the donor is an Indian national. This would, however, require amendments to THOA. As the law stands today, cases of near relatives are not required to be processed through the Authorization Committees.

Low sex ratio in Delhi

866. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that female foeticide still continues in a big way in Delhi leading to alarming low sex ratio in the capital, according to a study conducted by an NGO and supported by the Centre;